



## RESOLUTION

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SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FOR THE FORMER SITE OF THE HONOULIULI INTERNMENT CAMP.

WHEREAS, the internment and incarceration of Japanese Americans and others during World War II on the mainland and in Hawaii are nationally significant events that shape our understanding and commitment to civil liberties and the fair treatment of all citizens, regardless of race; and

WHEREAS, opened in 1943, the Honouliuli Internment Camp, located in Honouliuli Gulch on the island of Oahu, was the last, largest, and longest-used World War II confinement site in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the internment camp held over 350 internees, mostly second-generation Japanese Americans; Japanese, German, and Italian citizens and nationals living in Hawaii as well as prisoners of war; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. National Park Service (NPS), a proposed addition to the national park system will be recommended by the NPS only if it meets all of the following four criteria:

- 1) It possesses nationally significant natural or cultural resources;
- 2) It is a suitable addition to the system;
- 3) It is a feasible addition to the system; and
- 4) It requires direct NPS management, instead of alternative protection by other public agencies or the private sector;

and

WHEREAS, the *Honouliuli Gulch and Associated Sites Draft Special Resource Study and Environmental Assessment*, issued by the NPS and dated May 2014, made the following determinations about the Honouliuli Internment Camp site:



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- The Honouliuli Internment Camp is nationally significant for its central role as an internment site in Hawaii during World War II and meets all four NPS criteria for national significance.
- The Honouliuli Internment Camp depicts a distinct and important aspect of American history associated with civil liberties in times of conflict that is not adequately represented or protected elsewhere, and is therefore suitable for inclusion in the national park system.
- The Honouliuli Internment Camp historic site is a feasible addition to the national park system conditional upon securing public access to the site.
- There is a need for NPS management of the Honouliuli Internment Camp historic site in partnership with others to fully protect resources and to enhance visitor appreciation of the nationally significant resources and important stories associated with it.

; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Honouliuli Internment Camp site as a National Historic Site or National Monument would ensure that the site is preserved as a warning against injustice and a reminder of our civil liberties and our shared responsibility to uphold the U.S. Constitution for all people, at all times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it supports the recognition of the former site of the Honouliuli Internment Camp as a National Historic Site or National Monument as a new unit of the National Park System; and



CITY COUNCIL  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 14-269

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, all members of Hawaii's congregational delegation, and the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii.

INTRODUCED BY:

*Ann Kikuyoshi*  
*Carol Fukushima*

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**NOV 12 2014**

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII  
C E R T I F I C A T E

**RESOLUTION 14-269**

Introduced: 11/12/14 By: ANN KOBAYASHI

Committee: EXECUTIVE MATTERS  
AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

Title: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE BY THE NATIONAL  
PARK SERVICE FOR THE FORMER SITE OF THE HONOULIULI INTERNMENT CAMP.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

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11/18/14	EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS	CR-317 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.
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12/10/14	COUNCIL	CR-317 AND RESOLUTION 14-269 WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, CHANG, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, PINE.
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I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
BERNICE K. N. MAU, CITY CLERK

  
ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER